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1964 Falcon
John Munson
Elk Grove, California

ON THE COVER

1964 "Mellow Yellow" Falcon owned by John Munson (FCA #16183) of Elk Grove, California

When he was 14, John Munson fell in love with a 1964 Ford Falcon. After a summer of lawn mowing and long distance drooling at his love that sat neglected in someone's driveway, Munson pestered the owner into selling the car to him for \$400.

In 1984, after three transmissions and countless girlfriends, the inseparable duo inducted a new permanent member—the girl that would not only stand by Munson, but also by the Falcon through breakdowns, car photos in the wallet in front of her own, and military separation.

In 1988 after nine glorious years together, the Falcon was reluctantly sold. Then, after 22 years apart, the car called Mellow Yellow was reunited with John and restored to its full glory with a fresh coat of paint. She has since given many rides to the ice cream shop with Munson's favorite girl in the passenger seat, reminiscent of his summers as a teenager. Read this story on page 16.



FROM THE EDITOR

Do you and your Falcon have a story to tell? Do you have a cover-worthy photo of your Falcon? The rest of the Falcon family would love to see it read about it. Cover photos need to be high resolution digital photo, 300 dpi and 8 x 10 inches. Do you have any old Falcon articles, related clippings, or old family photos of a Falcon and your family you could share with our readers? Send your photos or articles to the Editor by email or mail us a CD or DVD to the addresses at the bottom of the page. If you have questions, send them to me in an email.

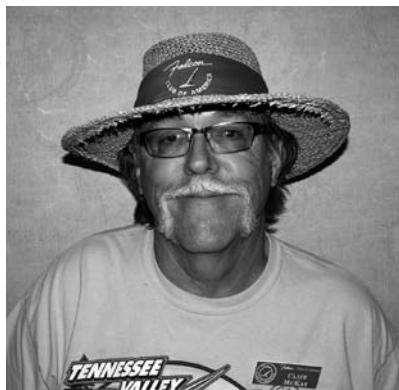
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Cliff McKay
FCA President

"Invite folks to join in some of your local events with our great Ford cars, trucks and vans. Good fellowship is unbeatable and a great means of recruiting, too."

For many of us spring arrived a little late this year because of some late winter snows. Now we're finally heading into summer. It's time to finally take advantage of these nice extended daylight hours and much warmer temperatures and get out and play with our great Falcons. Many chapters have already done multiple local car shows too. Our infamous Falcons are again flying to the beaches, through our parks, and down our boulevards. Now is when all those winter months sprucing up your Falcons really pays off at local shows. Shine on!

Since summer is upon us, it's the best time for our local chapters to actively soar around their local areas and be on the lookout for new Falcons and prospective new members. Invite folks to join in some of your local events with our great Ford cars, trucks and vans. Good fellowship is unbeatable and a great means of recruiting, too. Don't forget to hand out some of your FCA business cards, tell them about our website, or even pass along older copies of our FCA magazines. Check with your local FCA members for any extra copies which might be donated for this purpose.

Just a quick note about our electronic age. Please keep in mind when communicating electronically that just because you send it doesn't always insure it gets to everyone you sent it to. Also, keep in mind that all our officers try to handle and respond to messages in a timely manner, but they are all volunteers or only part time paid help. It may take a little while before you get a response.

For those Falcons migrating to this summers' Wichita Nationals please be careful and stay safe. I do recommend group traveling in caravans to National or Regional events as it can be lots of fun and builds a true sense of family between FCA members.

Time is running short for you to get us your registration for the Wichita National Meet. Don't delay one more day to send it in if you planning to attend. At the Meet we hold our annual Business Meeting where we will elect new officers: President (one year term), Vice President (one year term), and a Board Member (five year term). We also are in search of a new Recording Secretary as Misty Sigler has asked to be replaced. If interested in any of these positions ask me or any current officer for more information on these jobs.

Hopefully our Keystone Chapter had great weather and a good turnout for their 19th Regional in May. Also this month is the first regional by the Ohio Valley Chapter in Dayton, Ohio, which we wish them luck with. Thanks for all the time and effort to get these events done!

Take care and remember that each day is definitely a "gift from above." *May God Bless Us, One & All!* Hope you've had a beautiful spring and are enjoying a good transition into the summer of 2018. Enjoy flyin' those birds safely down our highways again this year.

—Cliff McKay (FCA #7987)
Peck, Kansas

WHAT'S UP ON SOCIAL MEDIA?

The Beef State Chapter had a great turnout at their second meeting at the Wooden Windmill in Fremont, Nebraska.



These Falcons from the Central California Falcon Club took part in the BCCC Supercruise in Bakersfield, California.



Sonoma County Falcons for Fun joined the Monterey Bay Falcon Club for a morning cruise and seeing some great Santa Cruz sites and then for breakfast on the Wharf.



This photo of this Falcon at Beech Bend Park in Bowling Green, Kentucky was posted on the Hoosier Falcon Club Facebook page.



Ohio Valley Chapter welcomed new member Chris Nau and his 1963 Futura convertible.



Mid America Chapter enjoyed a beautiful spring day at their meeting and picnic at Wyandotte Lake Park in Kansas City, Kansas.



Todd Gaudin posted a few of their local Falcons on the Third Coast Chapter Facebook page.



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Falcon Club of America's Facebook Page

"Cleanings dad's (Roy Sword) office and I finally found it—in a drawer. I knew he had it somewhere.

This is the newspaper they interviewed him for when he decided he wanted to start the Falcon Club."

—Mark Sword



Falcon owners want club

Several Ford Falcon owners in the central Arkansas area are trying to form a club for persons interested in restoring and keeping the Ford Falcon car.

It has been 10 years since a Falcon was built and they are now diminishing very fast as they are wrecked or being junked.

The purpose of the Falcon Club is to exchange ideas on how to restore the automobile and where the best place is to get the parts.

Some owners are getting together August 19 at Dupree Park to discuss the possible formation of a club.

The meeting will be from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. with a business meeting at 2 p.m. to discuss the formation of the club and what the ground rules will be.

For more information on the club contact Roy Sword at 982-1597.

WHAT'S UP ON SOCIAL MEDIA?

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From Sonoma Falcons for Fun Facebook

The Wood-Larkin Goldigger was one of three B/FX Falcons build in 1965 with support from Ford of Canada, and was one of only seven built with the 271/289 HiPo engine package. It's interesting that each of the B/FX cars had a different style of fiberglass hood. Seen here is the Goldigger's with a single large opening. Don Havers's "Mr 289" had twin openings similar to the lightweight Comets and the Wild Child had the classic Ford teardrop. The Goldigger is still unaccounted for, hopefully a great barn find for someone.



Did you see these FCA Twitter pics?



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

To be included in our Calendar of Events and listed on our website, be sure and send your upcoming FCA event information to both fca.editor@yahoo.com and admin@falconclub.com.

JUNE 1-2, 2018
OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL • DAYTON, OHIO

Hosted by Ohio Valley Chapter

JULY 18-21, 2018
FCA NATIONAL MEET • WICHITA, KANSAS

Hosted by Wheat State Chapter; Use form on wrap to register.

AUGUST 17-18, 2018
NORTHEAST 20TH ANNUAL REGIONAL • WARWICK, RI

Hosted by Northeast Chapter; Use form on wrap to register.

AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 1, 2018
CAROLINAS REGIONAL • KANNAPOLIS, N. CAROLINA

Hosted by Carolinas Chapter

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Falcon Console Spotter's Guide

First introduced in mid-1961 model year, the Futura styling package was Ford's response to the new sportier Chevrolet Corvair Monza. The Futura package featured attractive exterior ornamentation and new deluxe interior trim with bucket seats and floor console. The Falcon console situated between the bucket seats provided an "elegant way to conceal your personal effects." There are two styles of consoles that were manufactured; one style for the years 1961-63 and another for 1964-65. During the course of this article we will attempt to look at each and it's variations for year and body style applications.

1961-63 AND 1964-65 INTERIOR WITH CONSOLE COMPARISON



1962 Futura Interior with Console

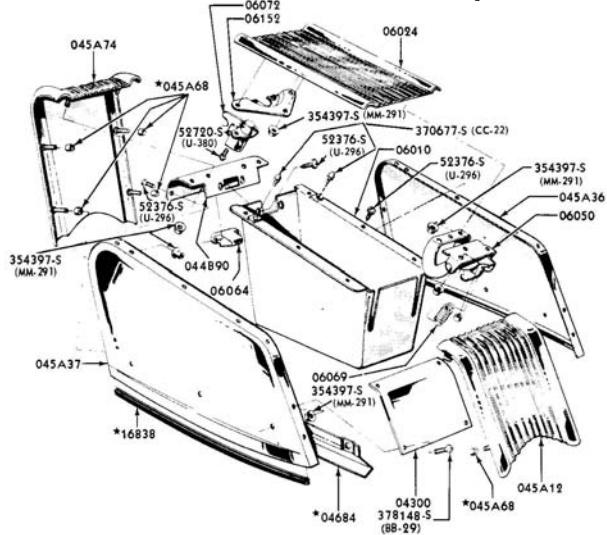


1964 Futura Interior with Console

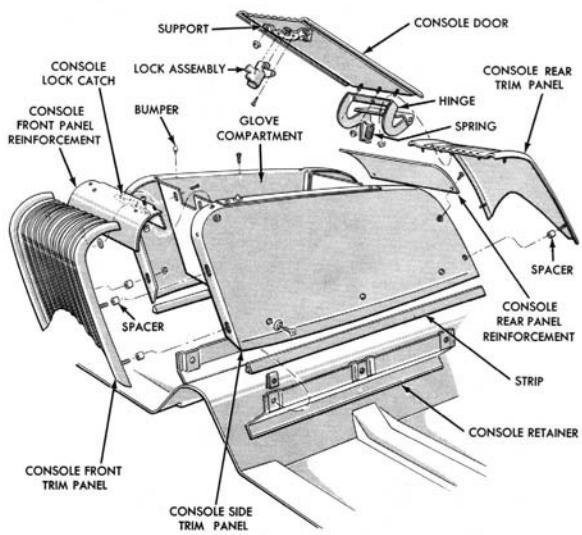
Round Body Console: 1961-1963

As stated previously first manufactured in 1961, the console was provided when bucket seats were ordered on select body types of sedans, wagons, hardtops, and convertibles. These consoles have an all metal body and metal trim. A console lock, similar to the glove box lock was a dealer available option.

1961-63 Exploded Console Installation Illustrations



Courtesy of the 1960-64 Ford Car Parts and Accessories Catalog



Courtesy of the 1963 Falcon Shop Manual Supplement

By Wally Tirado with the technical assistance of Ronnie Crawford, Darin Wood, and Karl Jacobs

There are few differences between the standard console of 1961–62 and the 1963 variant. The paint between ribs is black on 1961–62 as opposed to argent on the 1963. In 1963 the front and rear trim have bordered edges. Additionally, the lock assembly button has a border ring around the lock button. Lastly, in 1963 the compartment liner is black as opposed to white in earlier years. The standard console images following are indicative of the 1961–62 type at left and the 1963 variant at right:

1961–62 AND 1963 STANDARD CONSOLE COMPARISONS



1961–62 Standard Console



1963 Standard Console

In 1963 a rear ashtray was provided in the console for the four door Squire Wagons only (Body type 71D). The ashtray was provided because when bucket seats were installed in lieu of bench the rear ashtray normally provided in the back of the seat was displaced. This variant is exceedingly rare considering the low production number.



1963 Squire Console with rear ash tray



1961–63 Standard Console Screw Grommets

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Canadian Cousins

familiar body shells receive distinctive accents



METEOR (left) is the Canadian version of U.S. Ford. Body shell and chassis are all the same; trim and grille offer difference.



MONARCH (right) is the Mercury-based top-of-the-line car up North. It is offered in all the body styles available in the Mercury.



FRONTENAC (left) is the newest Canadian offering. It resembles the Falcon closely with exception of a most distinctive grille.

north of the border

Ford of Canada annually unveils its distinctive variations on the U.S. Ford body shells. Basically the same cars that roll out of Dearborn, these north-of-the-border versions are watched primarily for new ideas in trim and grilles. Last year only one Canadian Ford car, the Meteor, was offered. In 1960 it is joined by two others, one a returning marque and the other an all-new compact.

The Canadian Compact bears the distinctive title Frontenac. To the now familiar Falcon body shell it has added its own split grille, large hubcaps and a greater amount of chrome trim. Power is supplied by the standard Falcon 90-hp six. It has been made available so far in two-door and four-door sedan models. It is to be expected that the new Falcon station wagon will undergo the same Good Neighbor facelift soon.

The Mercury-based Monarch line rejoins the Canadian car parade after a year's retirement in 1959. At that time it was speculated that this particular car had been dropped in order to make more of a market up North for the struggling Edsel. With the demise of that ill-fated name, the Monarch has been given the go sign again as Ford of Canada's top-of-the-line car. Here again is a case where grille treatment offers the main personality difference. The Monarch is offered in eight versions within three series.

The most familiar product of the Canadian company is the Ford-inspired Meteor. In 1960 it naturally has undergone the same drastic styling changes that mark the U.S. Ford, but may well prefer its very different grille and flashier chrome trim. Beneath the skin, its 119-inch wheelbase is reported to have improved its riding qualities.

Among the most interested viewers of the Canadian Fords here in the U.S. are the customizing enthusiasts. Certainly any factory-made grille or trim that will fit a stock car without alteration is a boon to their art. Unfortunately these components are not easy to come by. Parts cannot be purchased in the States. The only method of obtaining them is by a personal trip across the border to a Meteor-Monarch-Frontenac dealer.

—*Motor Life*, March 1960

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In addition to the changes in 1963, modifications were required to accommodate the convertible specific interior additional bracing. Overall the standard console is taller than that of the convertible version. Installed, however the console is at approximately same level. Additionally, the front is arched and sides have a straight bottom edge. Rear trim is same for both. The console's compartment (liner) is specific to the standard or convertible (which is shallow). The following images highlight the major differences:

1963 STANDARD AND CONVERTIBLE CONSOLE COMPARISONS

1963 Standard Console



Front

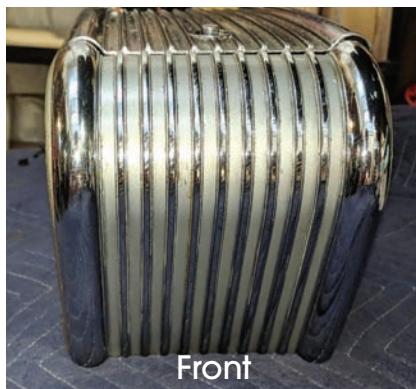


Left Side



Rear

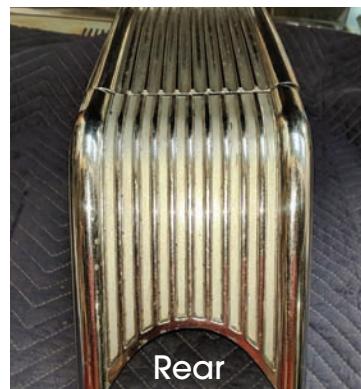
1963 Convertible Console



Front



Left Side



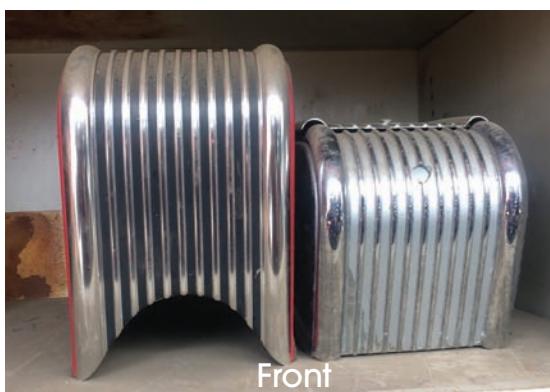
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1961–62 STANDARD AND 1963 CONVERTIBLE CONSOLE COMPARISONS



1961–62 Standard Consoles

In Front: 1963 Convertible Console



Front

Left: Standard Console
Right: 1963 Convertible Console—Front



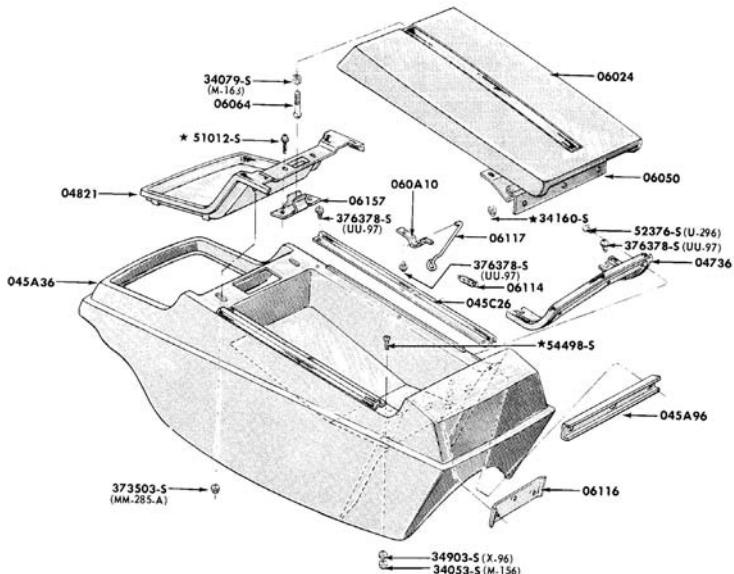
Rear

Left: Standard Console
Right: 1963 Convertible Console—Rear

Square Body Console: 1964-1965

Redesign of the Falcon console occurred in 1964. It was used in both the 1964 and 1965 model years unchanged. The body of the console was now a molded plastic body with metal trim. The console lock was no longer available. In 1965 only bucket seats were available without this console. The Mercury Comet used a variant of the Falcon console with a different lid as seen following in figure 8b of the 1964 Falcon Shop Manual.

1964-65 EXPLODED CONSOLE INSTALLATION ILLUSTRATIONS



Courtesy of the 1965-72 Ford Car Parts and Accessories Catalog

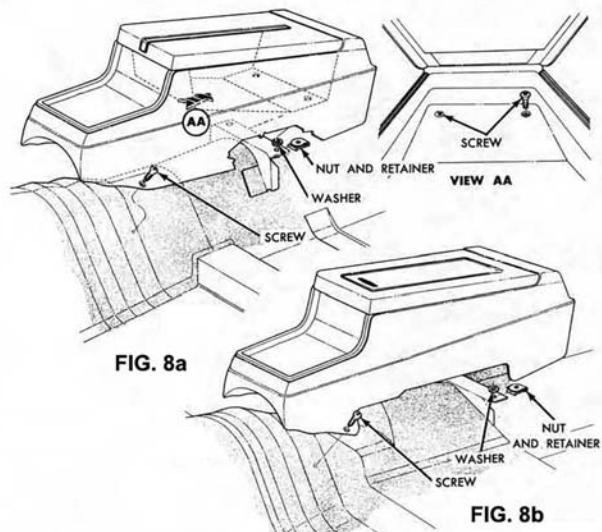


FIG. 8—Console Assembly

Courtesy of the 1964 Falcon Shop Manual

There are only two variations of this console: Convertible and Non-Convertible. While the overall location of the console is roughly the same location the rear mounting bracket is different for each. The convertible console body was “trimmed” to contour around the convertible specific interior additional bracing, as you can see in the images that follow:

1964-65 STANDARD AND CONVERTIBLE CONSOLE COMPARISONS



1964-65 Standard Console with Comet lid



1964-65 Convertible Console

This model console was also available in the bucket seat option of the 1965-66 Ford F-100 Ranger pickups. Unfortunately, for the 1966 model year the Falcon console was discontinued and was not to be available again when the Ford Falcon became discontinued in North America during the late 1970 model year.

While often replaced for a modern aftermarket version, the console is an elegant accessory to any Falcon; whether you prefer originality or a place to simply put your things. The hope is you now know the difference.

—Wally Tirado (FCA #7007)
Plano, Texas

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1963½ Futura convertible for \$20,000. 77,500 low original miles. The rebuilt 200 CID engine with three-speed automatic runs well. We drive the car about once a month, but it spends most of its time in a garage which keeps the body in excellent condition. The interior, which is original in appearance, remains in good condition. Front passengers enjoy bucket seats. The body is red and white. Additional photos via email jisage@sbcglobal.net. The convertible top is in excellent condition. Special features include dual exhaust and continental kit. The car has won trophies in the daily driver category. Contact Jane at jisage@sbcglobal.net or 916-489-4933. CA. 180506

1965 Futura Convertible, 200/C-4, older restoration, but looks good; Rangoon Red paint, with black interior, lots of recent mechanical work and great cruiser; \$12,995. 1965 Ranchero, 302/three-speed; great body, needs driver's floor, good running 302 included, \$3,500. 1964 Futura convertible, 200/C-4, good runner, mechanically sound, Guardsman Blue, looks good with new driver quality paint, needs interior, \$9,995; 1964 Futura Hardtop, 260/three-speed, but we have a T-10 or Toploader for it, with the blank column, mount and floor cover; needs total restoration, but will look great with OEM red paint and black interior; price with transmission conversion: \$3,995. 1963 four-door Deluxe, 170/three-speed, OEM A/C, runs good, but has been sitting, floor rust, but complete, \$1,995. Call or email Lenny Kellogg at Kellogg's Garage: lenkellogg@lpbroadband.net or 970-593-1964. CO 180620

1965 Sprint, \$2,500; 1965 Futura hardtop, \$800; 1965 Futura convertible, four speed, \$1,500; 1964 Futura hardtop, bare body in primer on rolling chassis, including many interior and exterior parts, \$6,400; 1964 Futura convertible, \$1,000. 1964 Sprint 289 V8 with headers and floor shifter, bucket seats, \$2500; 1964 Futura hardtop with Comet dash and 302 V8, three speed, \$2500; 1963 Deluxe Station Wagon, \$1,500; 1960 two-door Comet, \$500. JL Branson, 4097, Hwy T, Marthasville, MO 63357, 636-228-4501 or jlwbranson@mail.win.org. 180520

FALCONS WANTED

Looking for a 1963 Super Deluxe Squire Wagon, body number 71D, in good driving condition. The ideal car would have a V8 and manual transmission. Call or email John at 408-628-7397 or jlissandrello@msn.com. CA. 180511

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1963 Falcon Futura convertible parts: door and windshield chrome, glove box, emergency brake cable and handle. Front fender spears, hood scoop, front fenders, hood, trunk lid, bumpers, 170 engine, two-speed transmissions, starters, generators, miscellaneous chrome pieces, padded dash, radio, electrical, gauges, cables, etc. Selling as a lot. Make me an offer. Oliver Jergensen, 360-631-8213. WA. 180516

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coated, \$125. 1963 Falcon Sprint intake, carb, air cleaner with filter, valve covers, \$499. 1963 Falcon spears, \$100. 1963 Falcon hood scoop, new chrome, \$145. 1963 Ford FE, 3x2 setup, intake, carbs, linage, air cleaner, NOS air filter, fuel log, \$1,400. More NOS, used and Scott Drake reproduction parts available. Call Vic Falcone, 518-355-7756 or vfalcon64@aol.com. NY. 180522

Original 1963 Sprint chrome air cleaner, fair condition, \$150. C20Z-13A821-A contact brushes, four pieces, \$30. C60Z-14413-A glove box lamp switch, fits many models including 1966-69 Falcon, \$75. C60Z-18578-A heater switch, fits 1966-67 Fairlane and Ranchero without factory air, \$75. C60-17A511-A wiper motor switch cover, fits many models including 1966-70 Ranchero, \$60. D00Z-18567-A heater switch fits 1970-71 Torino, \$85. All parts NOS, except for air cleaner. All prices plus shipping and insurance. John Simone, 413-336-5307, Easthampton, MA. 180625

Heidts coil over, disc brake, and rack and pinion front suspension, originally for a 1965-66 Mustang and currently welded to short pieces of front frame rail for a 1965-66 Mustang. Heidts four-link rear suspension, Heidts frame connectors and cross brace. Also have an Ididit chrome steering column that was intended for the same Mustang project. I had planned to use all on my 1965 Ranchero and test fit seem to work but might need some modifications, but have sold the Ranchero, I never installed any of it on the Ranchero so not sure of fit. \$1,500. Need to pick up. Jim, 573-864-3153. MO. 180505

1960-63 Falcon/Comet dog dish hubcaps, \$20 each. 1964 260-289 distributor, \$25. 1965 four blade fan, NOS, C5AZ 8600, \$25. 1965 V8 bellhousing, #C5DA 6394, \$75. 1970 351 W heads big valves, \$75. 1976-79 Granada four speed with O.D., \$150. Roger Kosecki, 989-753-2686. 00MI. 180527

1967 289 4V set up: intake cast #C6OE-9425, date 6J19; carburetor cast #C7F M, series 4300, venture 1.00, \$350. Used leaf springs out of a 1964 Falcon sedan: cast #C4DA-5556-A GI-3K \$200.00 C4 B & M "breakaway" torque converter, \$300. 1965 289 Hi Po aluminum water pump: cast # C5AE-8505D, \$400. 1965 289: crankshaft, \$150; four connecting rods cast #C3AE \$50; valve covers, \$60. 1966 289 heads cast #C6OE, date codes 5F10 and 5H17, \$200. 1965-1966 two-bl set up: intake cast #C6OE-9425-A, date 5E4; carb cast #C5ZF B; pvc system, thermostat housing, carb spacer, fittings, engine tag etc., \$250. 1967 289 heads: cast #C6AE, dates 7D18 and 7E2, \$200. 347 stroker kit, \$1,200. 1995 351W heads, cast #E7TE, dates 5B15 and 5B17, one pair, \$150. 1968-70 428 CJ parts and 429 CJ parts. Keith Litteken, 314-480-2556 or kslitteken@aol.com. MO. 180612

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A BOY AND HIS CAR

By Kelly Rathburn

When he was 14, John Munson fell in love. She was slender, understated, and blonde. She was a 1964 Ford Falcon.

After a summer of lawn mowing and long distance drooling at his love that sat neglected in someone's driveway, Munson took action. Armed with love-struck determination, he was unrelenting in his pursuit and eventually pestered the owner into selling the car to him for \$400.

With the help of his friends and some middle-of-the-night anonymous donors, Munson disassembled and rebuilt his Falcon with a used engine pulled from a classmate's old Cougar—but preserved the factory paint color that would make her known as Mellow Yellow.

For the next eight years, the Falcon became a local legend. From his shifts at Kentucky Fried Chicken, Munson would hop in his dream car and head to El Centro Road to prove himself on the barren road used



as the local track. Inevitably, each attempt would end in a match against the fastest car in Sacramento—a white, 1955 Chevy Highboy—which the Falcon never was able to defeat.

In 1984, after three transmissions and countless girlfriends, the inseparable duo inducted a new permanent member—the girl that would not only stand by Munson but also by the Falcon through breakdowns, through finding car photos placed in the wallet in front of her own photo, and through military separation. Finally, in 1988, after nine glorious years together, the Falcon was reluctantly sold by Munson to alleviate financial burdens. As she disappeared down the road with her new owner, she took with her a big piece of Munson's heart.



John and his wife Christine at their first show after the car's restoration.

Through years of military service, including a tour in Iraq, and building a life with the girl that never complained when she had to push the Falcon down the road, Munson attempted to fill the void left by his first love with motorcycles, dirt bikes, and even by purchasing his own 1955 Chevy. Yet nothing was able to produce the same senses of freedom and joy that would seemingly only survive in his nostalgia.

As if the universe could not bare the heartache any longer, rumors of Mellow Yellow being for sale arrived on Munson's doorstep. They immediately met—Munson and the man that had taken his car, his love 22 years ago. It was like magic. The car had never been touched since the last day

they saw each other. Paint was wearing off in each corner that the car cover had been resting on for decades, but the hole in the driver's seat that had been worn through by Munson's back pocket comb was still there. The cover was dusty, but the bench seat was still slick from the Armor All that Munson had applied that would cause girls to slide to his side on a right turn. Even Munson's high school graduation tassel remained in the ash tray, right where he had left it all those years ago.

After the sentimental reunion, the real work began. Munson sold his '55 Chevy and focused solely on his

original love. This time, there was no trial and error. There were no late night "deliveries" of free car parts. No teenagers tinkering. Munson knew exactly what to do and restored everything from the engine to the suspension to the glass in each window. He gave her what he felt she deserved—proper and thorough restoration. Mellow Yellow was returned to her full glory with a fresh coat of paint and has since given many rides to the ice cream shop with Munson's favorite girl in the passenger seat, reminiscent of his summers as a teenager.

—Submitted by John Munson (FCA #16183)
Elk Grove, California

After 22 years, John's high school tassel and his wife's watch were still in the ash tray.



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While the overall workmanship on the Sprint is excellent, one area where the prior owner and I disagree is in the heater system. I can appreciate the desire to cut off the flow of hot coolant to the heater box, but I cannot quite wrap my head around the need to use industrial strength shut off valves in the heater hoses.

I have little doubt that Henry Ford himself used similar valves while working at the Edison Illuminating Company in Detroit in the 1890s, but this level of authenticity is a little extreme. Removal and replacement of the heater hoses I found necessary.



THE SPRINT PROJECT

A Series By Jeff Schira



But, rather than just replacing the heater hoses, I decided to remove the entire heater box for inspection and for rebuilding, if necessary.

Upon removal, the heater box itself looked brand new and was extremely clean. The heater core looked new and all of the seals were fresh.

There were, however, a couple of issues that needed to be addressed.



The blower motor/fan was not attached to the heater box and had been installed from under the hood.



The blower motor itself was brand new, but the power wires were bare.



HEATING SYSTEM

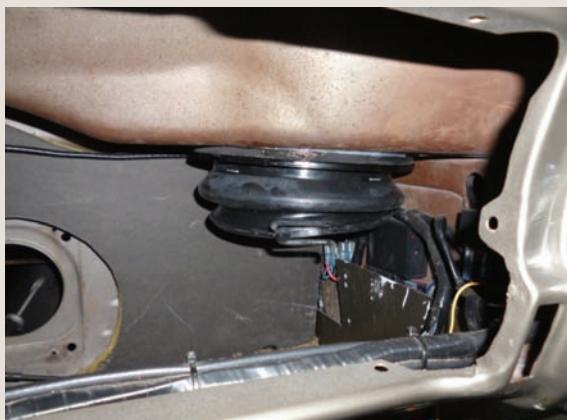
The inlet collar was in pretty rough shape.



After inspecting the interior of the heater box, I reassembled the box (correctly, with the blower attached to the box) and soldered bullet connectors on the power wires.



I also installed a new inlet collar prior to installing the heater box back onto the firewall.



Once the heater box was back on the car, I ran new heater hoses and reconnected the control cables.



Yes, the sharp eyed among you spotted that I ran the heater hoses backward. The line from the water pump is the pressure side and should attach to the lower connector on the heater core. This allows the coolant to flow in from the bottom and push any air upward, helping to make sure that all the air is purged from the core. I woke up at 2:00 AM the next morning and realized my mistake. After a few seconds of deep contemplation, I decided that I was OK with it and went back to sleep.



With the heating system completed, I moved on. Stay tuned for the next project.

—Jeff Schira (FCA #6235)
Mansfield, Texas

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To increase the mph reading, decrease the number of teeth on the plastic speedometer cable drive gear. To decrease the speedometer reading, increase the number of teeth. Ford changes four to five miles per hour for each tooth change. GM changes about two miles per hour for each tooth change.

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Since one tooth equals about four mph, two teeth are as close as we can get. If the existing plastic speedometers drive gear has 20 teeth, then we would have to get an 18 tooth drive gear.

—By Paul Garrigan

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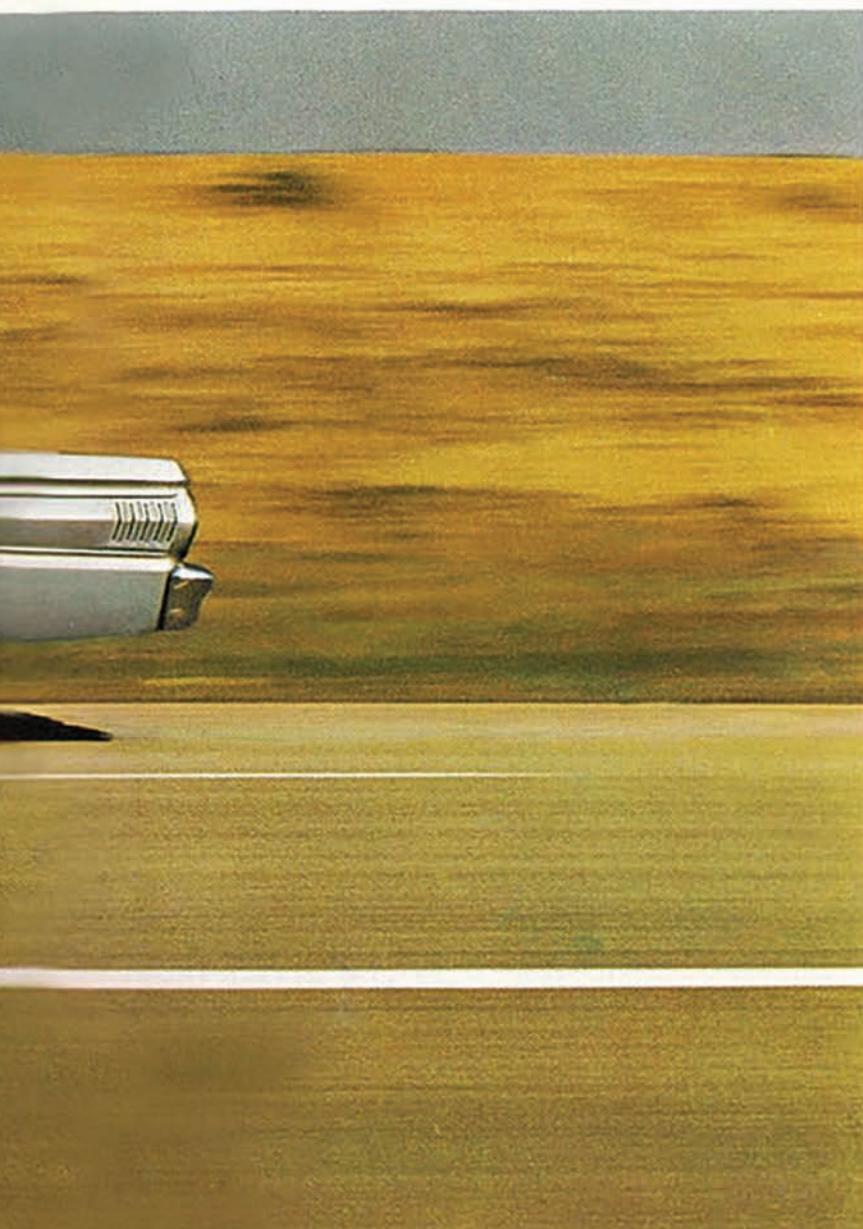
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Meet Falcon Club of America Board Member

Cris Bowes
(FCA #4269)
Coventry, Rhode Island

The questions and answers are provided courtesy of *The Falcon Times*, the Official Newsletter of the Northeast Chapter, Karen and Lauren Gabel, Editors



Q&A WITH CRIS BOWES, FCA BOARD MEMBER

Q. How long have you been a member of the FCA?

A. 31 years

Q. How long have you been a member of the Northeast Chapter? **A.** Same as the National club, 31 years

Q. Current Falcon? **A.** 1963 Sprint Convertible

Q. How many Falcons have you owned over your lifetime? **A.** Three

Q. Body Style Preference? **A.** Round

Q. Stock or Modified? **A.** Stock

Q. What is the longest distance you have driven your Falcon? Where did you go? **A.** 8,000+ miles to California and back

Q. Do you own any other classic cars besides your Falcon? **A.** Yes, three Falcons, 1941 Ford Pickup, Mustang Convertible, Fastback and Coupe

Q. Do you have any other hobbies besides your Falcon? **A.** Yes, Sewing, Crochet, Travel

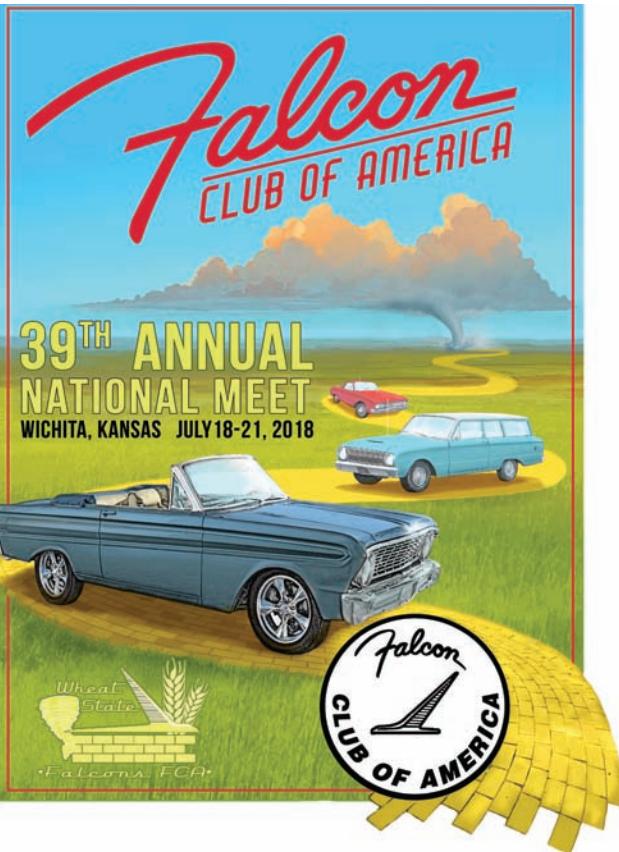
Q. Any other details you would like to include in your "Member Spotlight" about yourself?

A. We love getting up in the morning and saying, "Where are we driving to today?"

Q. And finally...what made you choose a Falcon?

A. My first car was a 1962 Falcon. I liked the look of the convertible; it's a pretty car.





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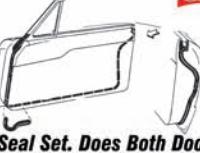
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FUN FACTS ABOUT THE STATE OF KANSAS

- Smith County is the geographical center of the 48 contiguous states.
- A ball of twine in Cawker City measures over 38 feet in circumference and weighs more than 16,750 pounds and is still growing.
- Amelia Earhart, first woman granted a pilot's license by the National Aeronautics Associate and first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean was from Atchison.
- A grain elevator in Hutchinson is one-half mile long and holds 46 million bushels in its 1,000 bins.
- Dwight D. Eisenhower from Abilene was the 34th President of the United States.
- South of Ashland the Rock Island Bridge is the longest railroad bridge of its kind. It measures 1,200 feet long and is 100 feet above the Cimarron River.
- Dodge City is the windiest city in the United States.
- Silent comedian Buster Keaton, of early film success, was from Piqua, Kansas.
- At one time it was against the law to serve ice cream on cherry pie in Kansas.
- The first woman mayor in the United States was Susan Madora Salter. She was elected to office in Argonia in 1887.
- The first black woman to win an Academy Award was Kansan Hattie McDaniel, who won the award for her role in "Gone with the Wind."
- Kansas inventors include Almon Stowger of El Dorado who invented the dial telephone in 1889; William Purvis and Charles Wilson of Goodland who invented the helicopter in 1909; and Omar Knedlik of Coffeyville who invented the first frozen carbonated drink machine in 1961.
- Wyatt Earp, James Butler "Wild Bill" Hickok and William B. "Bat" Masterson were three of the legendary lawmen who kept the peace in rowdy frontier towns like Abilene, Dodge City, Ellsworth, Hays, and Wichita.
- The Arkansas River may be the only river whose pronunciation changes as it crosses state lines. In Kansas, it is called the Arkansas (ahr-KAN-zuhs). On both sides of Kansas (Colorado and Oklahoma), it is called the Arkansaw.

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